

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. Claims 2-5, 10, 11 and 13-18 are allowed. Claims 1, 6-9 and 12 are rejected. Applicant has cancelled claims 1-12.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Itou et al (6,841,854). This rejection is moot on the basis of the cancellation of the rejected claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Itou et al (6,841,854). This rejection is moot on the basis of the cancellation of the rejected claims.

Claims 9 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Itou et al (6,841,854) in view of Song et al (6,197,615). This rejection is moot on the basis of the cancellation of the rejected claims.

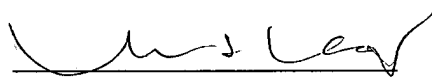
In addition, Applicants have cancelled claims 2-5, 10 and 11 on the basis of the teachings in USP 6,909,166 to Frezza et al.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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